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Editorial

Anti-cold-homes program in need of help

As many as 400 homes in Appomattox County may be without adequate heat this winter. The choice in many instances may be whether to purchase food or fuel, according to the local anti-cold homes committee.

A committee of Appomattox County citizens has been formed for the purpose of assisting those who truly are in need in our county, and the committee needs your help.

The committee asks that you look around in your own community and do what you can to help meet the fuel needs of your neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Jones have given permission to use a designated spot on the old sawmill site on Lee-Grant Avenue within the Town of Appomattox as a storage and distribution yard for firewood. If you have some time to give and/or a truck or wood which could be used, please contact the committee by calling Mrs. Nancy Carwile or Mrs. Virginia Babcock at 352-7125.

Monetary donations are needed and should be made payable to "The Appomattox Anti-Cold Homes Program" and mailed to Mrs. Carwile at P. O. Box 517, Appomattox, VA 24522.

The committee is not interested in helping those who refuse, for no good reason, to help themselves; however a real need exists in our county.

The Appomattox Anti-Cold Homes Program committee is convinced that the best way to meet this need is to eliminate the forms and paperwork and solve the problem on a person to person basis.

Your involvement will be appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the anti-cold homes committee. Members are W. R. Britton, Jr., W. S. Slagle, Wallace Clair, Virginia Babcock, Rex Bennett, Sylvia Brooks, Nancy Carwile, Lonette Chilton, Jennie Coleman, Pete Hale, George Martin, Sr., Richard Martin, Harmon Smith, Jennie Pratrick, Hattie Grace Mathews, and Edna Womack.

Appomattox County is one of the few areas in the state with a cold homes program.

The Bible and daily living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

What's good about good news?

Lesson for January 20, 1980
Scripture References: John 1:35-51; 6:1-14; 12:20-26
Focal Passages: John 1:40-46; 12:20-26

THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE GOOD NEWS (Jn. 1:35-51)

Jesus was an attractive person! His sense of mission and zest for relieving human misery caused others to sit up and take notice. To simply be in the presence of Jesus must have been an electrifying experience. One brush with Jesus often sent people in pursuit of him. In our study this week we note that those who encountered Jesus as the Messiah often went immediately to share their discovery with a close friend, family member, or fellow worker.

In our lesson we find that Andrew encountered the Lord in such a way that he went immediately to share the "good news" with his brother, Simon Peter. At this point, Andrew takes a "back seat" to his brother Simon Peter who, after meeting Jesus, goes on to become the pillar of the Jerusalem church.

In the next instance we see Jesus taking the initiative to seek out Philip. Philip then goes immediately to his good friend Nathanael. Nathanael's response is interesting. He asks, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" There must have been something about Nazareth that would provoke such a response from Nathanael, but he was soon to discover that the Nazarene would alter the cause and course of his life.

Responding to the "nudging" of God in one's life can produce unbelievable results. When God "tugs at our coattails" we may find ourselves going in new and challenging directions. Responding to the Good News of God by becoming a pilgrim in pursuit of life abundant and eternal will create for us an air of excitement.

THE FAITH THAT CHALLENGES (Jn. 6:1-14)

How do you feed a hungry crowd? This is the root question that Jesus asked Philip. Jesus was seeking to find out from Philip the depth of his faith. It was an enlightening moment for Philip, for in the miracle of feeding the five thousand people, Philip would see and personally experience the nature and power of the Kingdom of God, which Jesus came to reveal.

We cannot fault Philip for his response. How do we feed a hungry crowd? Jesus certainly didn't need Philip's advice, but he was wanting to know where Philip was in his pilgrimage of faith. How do you feed a hungry crowd of people? Why you go to a store and buy food, of course! But that wasn't the answer that Jesus was fishing for. Jesus was hoping that Philip would "see loaves and fishes" where others passed over. But Philip did not make the grade.

We are not unlike Philip and Andrew in this story. We sometimes miss out on a great opportunity because we concentrate too much on the problem. Our general immediate solution to our woes is to seek the convenient answer rather than look for and expect divine help. We humans cannot always pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps; we will not always have a convenient answer to our problems; we must learn to lean upon God as a resource.

A problem can be an opportunity. A painful struggle may lead us to new insight. Learning to trust others and to be trustworthy can lead us into deeper and more meaningful relationships. Learning to trust God can be the alternative to a self-made inconvenient answer to our problems.

THE GOOD NEWS THAT UNVEILS TRUTH (Jn. 12:20-26)

The "Good News" of God enables us to make sense of the nonsense! Jesus eagerly sought to convey truth to his followers. In this section we will see how Jesus shared his most intimate thoughts and struggles. Jesus explained to his followers that his time was nearly up. During the Passover feast Jesus is sought out by some Greeks who had come to worship. The reasons they came to see Jesus are not as important as the fact that they came after him. And what they heard was the testimony of a sacrificial life. Jesus draws from nature to show that death is essential for further life.

Those who take serious their discipleship roles will invite others to travel with them. A grain of wheat reproduces itself many times over. Jesus died so that many sons and daughters would come to Life and live. In response to Jesus, we are to pattern our life after his, namely, in the fashion of service and sacrifice.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

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The pastor speaks

JAN. 13 - Let us think about the meaning of the cross. God has a plan for deliverance from sin and its consequences. The scriptures tell us that this plan is set forth in the Old Testament. God's plan for the deliverance of the children of Israel from the angel of death was as follows: Every head of a house was to choose a lamb. The lamb was to be slain and its blood was to be sprinkled on the two side-posts and the upper door-post of the door. God's promise was, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." This was but the foretelling of God's plan for deliverance from sin and its consequences through the death and shedding of his blood on the cross of One who was called "The Lamb of God."

As Jesus set his hand to the work which he came into the world to do; one day John saw Jesus as he was coming towards him and John the Baptist cried out, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world". Jesus did this upon the cross.

Jesus, the sinless Son of God, took sinful man's place, and died in his place, that sinful man might be saved from his sins. But this death of Christ in the sinners place is conditioned by the sinners "repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ."

Rev. G. Edward Hughes, Pastor
Red Oak Baptist Church

Baptist Men's Day planned at Liberty Sunday

Baptist Men's Day will be observed at Liberty Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 20.

Guest speaker for the morning worship service will be Mr. David Harker, a resident of Lynchburg. Mr. Harker was a prisoner of war in Vietnam for five years, two months, and he had a challenging to God's sustaining grace during that time. Mr. Harker will challenge those present to a more vital faith in God, which he, himself, experienced during his ordeals.

Currently, Mr. Harker is employed with the State Parole and Probation Board in Lynchburg. He is a graduate of V.P.I. & S.U. in Business Administration. He teaches a class of young boys at the Beulah Baptist Church in Lynchburg and, is an active layman in the church there.

He and his wife, Linda, and infant daughter live in Lynchburg.

The public is invited to attend this special service of dedication.

Galilee Church holds meeting

The annual church meeting of the Galilee Baptist Church, which was scheduled for the second of January, will be held this Saturday evening at 7 p.m. All officers and members are urged to be present. All church auxiliaries are asked to make their financial reports.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the regular service at the Galilee Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The senior and junior choirs will render special music.

An overflow crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral rites of the late Mrs. Mary E. Pennix last Sunday evening at the Mount Airy Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. J. W. Paige served as master of ceremony. The following local ministers were present and assisted in the service: Reverends J. D. Scruggs, Boyd Christian and R. Q. Lawing. Special music was rendered by the Jordan Baptist Church Senior Choir. Acknowledgements and resolutions were read by Mrs. H. P. Johnson. The pastor of the Church, Rev. H. W. Pryor, delivered the eulogy. The floral designs were in large numbers. Burial was held in the family cemetery, Community Home of Lynchburg was in charge of arrangements.

A large crowd attended the regular preaching service at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The pastor delivered a special New Year's message. All who came out enjoyed the service. Two individuals joined the church on Christian experience and were welcomed into the fellowship of the church by the pastor.

The Golden Heart Club of Appomattox held its annual dinner on last fifth Sunday evening at 3 p.m. at Maudes. Special guests of the club were Miss Gertude Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. Walker, Rev. and Mrs. Patton of Buckingham and Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Laving and Deacon Percy Johnson of Mt. Airy. The Rev. Patton offered the prayer of Thanksgiving and the Rev. Lawing offered the closing prayer and benediction.

The officers and members of the Promise Land Baptist Church are asked to attend the regular church meeting Saturday before the fourth Sunday in this month at 12 o'clock. The annual program of work will be presented.

We are grateful to God to hear that Mrs. T. W. Hamlet has returned to her home after a major operation in a Baltimore hospital.

Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. and brother, Leon attended the funeral of their cousin in Richmond last Saturday at the First, Baptist Church. Their uncle and cousin, Mr. Nicholas Jones of Middleton, Pa. and Mrs. Jean Branch, spent the night here as the guest of Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing, sister of Mr. Jones and cousin of Mrs. Branch.

Mrs. Ida B. Elliott is improving nicely at her home here in Spout Spring, Va.

Mrs. Lucy Tibbs was taken to the local Lynchburg hospital for observation. She returned the same evening.

Mrs. Lillie Stevens was rushed to the General hospital las Sunday morning for special treatment. We are happy to learn that she is improving. We pray for her a speedy recovery.

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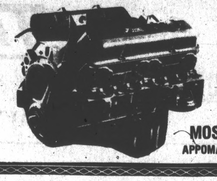

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HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

Farmers National Bank will once again sponsor the Annual 4-H Public Speaking program in Appomattox County. 1980 marks the ninth consecutive year that Farmers National has sponsored this 4-H program. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants with trophies going to the top two speakers in each of 5 levels.

4-H Public Speaking can be a great experience for all young people. Make your plans to participate.

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The Annual 4-H Awards Banquet will be held Monday, Jan. 21, in the cafeteria of ACHS at 6:30 p.m. A covered dish meal will be served, followed by an awards presentation to over 50 4-H members who will be recognized for outstanding work. Special recognition will also be made of 4-H program sponsors and 4-H volunteer leaders.

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4-H Pine Seedling orders are due in the Extension Office by Feb. 1. Order from Junior members must have parent's signature.

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The first meeting of a new 4-H Egg Grading Team will be held Wednesday, Jan. 30, after school (3:30 p.m.) in the Extension Office. In egg grading a 4-H'er can learn the importance of the nutritional value of eggs, learn to judge and grade eggs by the outside appearance and learn to judge interior egg properties by a technique known as candling. All interested 4-H'ers, junior and senior members, are welcome to participate.

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Mr. Charles Middleton, Meterologist with Lynchburg WSET-TV Station, will speak to the Appomattox Middle School 4-H Club next Tuesday. Mr. Middleton will discuss weather forecasting techniques and methods, as well as answer questions.

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Older 4-H'ers working on achievement records are finding that photographs of their 4-H participation are important. Parents are urged to try to take pictures of their 4-H'ers during the year as they work in 4-H programs. These pictures may be very helpful in later years.

Extension class for spring semester is scheduled by UVA

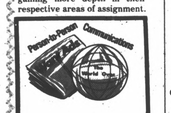
The University of Virginia has scheduled an extension class in Appomattox for the Spring Semester. The class number and title is CEED 553: Teaching Gifted. The class instructor is Dr. Edward H. Yeatts. Three hours of graduate or undergraduate credits will be given for successful completion of the class.

The class will begin on February 5 at 7 p.m. in Room 228 at Appomattox County High School.

The Appomattox County School Board arranges with the University of Virginia School of Continuing Education for classes to be offered in the Fall and Spring semesters and for a June three weeks session to be conducted. These classes are planned for instructional personnel who are renewing teaching certificates, seeking additional endorsements or gaining more depth in their respective areas of assignment.

The classes are open to persons in the community who desire to enroll. The tution cost for non-teaching individuals is $99.00 per class.

Additional information may be secured by calling the School Board Office. The telephone number is 352-8251.



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